

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A cassette device for accepting substrates,
comprising:

a frame;

a plurality of slots protruding from opposing sides of the frame; and

at least two supporting bars connected to at least two of the slots,

wherein the supporting bars contact and support a first surface of the
substrates along a first width direction of the substrates at opposing parallel regions of
the first surface.

Claim 2 (Original): The device according to claim 1, wherein the supporting bars
include acetal resin material.

Claim 3 (Original): The device according to claim 1, wherein the supporting bars
contact the substrate via surface contact.

Claim 4 (Original): The device according to claim 3, wherein the substrates include a
first substrate having a plurality of thin film transistor arrays and a second substrate
having a plurality of color filters such that the first and second substrates are bonded
together.

Claim 5 (Original): The device according to claim 4, further comprising a liquid crystal layer between the first and second substrates.

Claim 6 (Original): The device according to claim 5, wherein the liquid crystal layer is applied to at least one of the first substrate and the second substrate.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim 4, ~~further comprising a plurality of spacers provided between the first and second substrates~~ wherein the plurality of slots includes a first set of slots disposed to extend along a first plane within the frame and a second set of slots disposed to extend along a second plane different from the first plane within the frame

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim 7, ~~wherein the spacers include patterned spacers~~ wherein each of the first and second sets of slots includes a first pair of slots extending from one of the opposing sides of the frame and a second pair of slots extending from another one of the opposing sides of the frame.

Claim 9 (Original): The device according to claim 3, wherein the substrate are transferred onto the supporting bars by a robot arm.

Claim 10 (New): The device according to claim 8, wherein the supporting bars are disposed to extend along the first width direction of the substrates.

Claim 11 (New): The device according to claim 10, wherein the supporting bars extend past edge portions of the substrates along the first width direction.

Claim 12 (New): The device according to claim 8, wherein a total number of supporting bars is dependent upon a size of the substrates.

Claim 13 (New): The device according to claim 12, wherein the supporting bars prevent deformation of the substrates.

Claim 14 (New): A cassette device for accepting substrates, comprising:

a frame;

a plurality of slots protruding from opposing sides of the frame, the slots being substantially parallel; and

at least two supporting bars connected to at least two of the slots.

Claim 15 (New): The device according to claim 14, wherein the frame has a substantially rectangular shape.

Claim 16 (New): The device according to claim 15, wherein the slots are protruded from the opposing parallel sides of the frame.

Claim 17 (New): The device according to claim 14, wherein the supporting bars are disposed at the end portion of the slots.

Claim 18 (New): A cassette device for accepting substrates, comprising:

- a frame having substantially rectangular shape;

- a plurality of slots protruding from opposing sides of the frame; and

- at least two supporting bars connected to at least two of the slots.

Claim 19 (New): The device according to claim 18, wherein the slots are protruded from the substantially parallel sides of the frame.